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SRIDHAR OBILISSETTY  
Application No. 09/751,711  
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Attorney Docket No. VNET-P002

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: DECISION GRANTING  
: PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed September 21, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 28, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of December 29, 2000.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on December 28, 2000. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EL746345072US. The "date-in" indicated on the Express Mail label is December 28, 2000. Additionally, the Express Mail label contains a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of December 28, 2000. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is necessary. The petition fee of \$130.00 will be refunded by treasury check.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to **December 28, 2000**.

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